

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized method for decrypting an encrypted, two-part file, wherein the two-part file is selectively encrypted by a seller and a transaction agency for transfer of complete file control to a buyer, the method which comprises the steps of:

decrypting a first part of said file using a first key, wherein the first part of said file contains a second key and said decrypting step is accomplished by the transaction agency for the buyer;

ascertaining [[a]] said second key from said first part of said file during said decrypting step; and

employing said second key to decrypt a second part of said file for use in revealing said second part, wherein the second part was encrypted by the seller for decryption by the buyer, and includes the content to be controlled by the buyer.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
presenting said file on the Internet;
selecting said file from the Internet; and
sending said first part of said file to a transaction agent for
accomplishment of said decrypting step and said ascertaining step.
3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said first key is a public
key provided by a transaction agent and said second key is a private key.
- B1 4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 3 wherein said employing step is
accomplished by said transaction agent.
5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said employing step is
accomplished by a buyer.
6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said file is periodically
changed.
7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said first part is an
overhead including said second key and having commercial material about said file,
said commercial material including pricing and payment terms.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 7 further comprising a header having advertising material about said second part and information material about a seller.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said second part is a content.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9 wherein said content includes work selected from a group consisting of books, documents, pamphlets, movies, songs, games, pictures and software.

11. (Currently Amended) A computerized method for conducting encrypted commercial transactions, to transfer complete file control from between a buyer and a seller to a buyer, wherein said method involves a transaction agent and comprises the steps of:

presenting a file, said file being created by the seller and containing at least an overhead and a content, said overhead being encrypted with a first key by the transaction agency and at least a portion of said content being encrypted with a second key by the seller;

decrypting said overhead of said file by employing said first key to ascertain said second key, wherein said decrypting step is accomplished by the transaction agency for the buyer; and

decrypting said content of said file by employing said second key to reveal said file ~~for use by~~ to accomplish the transfer of file control to said buyer.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein said presenting step is accomplished on an Internet, and further wherein said first key is a public key and said second key is a private key.

(Claims 13 and 14 (Cancelled))

15. (Original) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein said step of decrypting said content of said file to reveal said file from the Internet is accomplished by said buyer.

B¹ 16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein said overhead includes said second key and commercial material about said file, said commercial material including pricing and payment terms, and further wherein said content includes work selected from a group consisting of books, documents, pamphlets, movies, songs, games, pictures and software.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for transferring control of an encrypted file over the Internet which comprises:

a transaction agent;

a public key;

a private key;

b1 a seller for creating said file and publishing said file on the Internet, said file having at least a first part and a second part with said first part being encrypted by the transaction agency using said public key and said second part being encrypted by the seller with said private key; and

a buyer for selecting said file from the Internet and sending said first part of said file to said transaction agent for decryption thereof by said transaction agent using said public key to ascertain said private key for subsequent use in decrypting and revealing said second part of said file for use by said buyer to transfer complete file control to said buyer.

18. (Original) A system as recited in claim 17 wherein said private key is provided by said seller.

19. (Original) A system as recited in claim 17 wherein said first part is an overhead and includes said second key and commercial material about said file, said commercial material including pricing and payment terms, and further wherein said second part is a content and includes work selected from a group consisting of books, documents, pamphlets, movies, songs, games, pictures and software.

20. (Original) A system as recited in claim 17 wherein said file has a value established by said seller and said system further comprises:

- a buyer's account maintained by said transaction agent for said buyer;
- a seller's account maintained by said transaction agent for said seller; and

means for transferring funds of said value from said buyer's account to said seller's account when said second part of said file is revealed.

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